THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) Reports indicate that smuggling and Criminal syndicates with trans-border linkages are active on Indo-Nepal border. In order to check the activities of transborder smugglers, anti-national elements etc., the State Government of UP and West Bengal have created a special force. Concerned States have also strengthened vigilance on the border.

(c) An Action Plan has been prepared in consultation with the concerned States of Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, West Bengal and Sikkim for strengthening of Policing and Intelligence collection along the Indo-Nepal border including deployment of a Central Police Organisation in vulnerable stretches of the border.

(d) Does not arise in view of answers to (c) above.

Militancy in Karbi Anglong and North Kachar District of Assam

389. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the nature of militant activities in Karbi Anglong and North Kachar district of Assam;

(b) how many militant organisations are active and the details thereof; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to curb this menace?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The nature of militant activities in Karbi Anglong and North Cachar districts of Assam is mainly to terrorize Non-Karbi population. Government are aware of the criminal activities including extortion, kidnapping, killing by militant outfits like United Peoples Democratic Solidarity (UPDS), Karbi National Volunteers (KNV), Karbi People Force (KPF), Dima Halam Daogah (DHD), National Socialist Council of Nagaland (I/M) (NSCN (IM)), etc. in Karbi Anglong and North Cachar districts of Assam. Government has taken various steps to bring the law and order situation in Assam under control. These include *inter-alia*, deployment of Para-military Forces and Army in the State, coordinated action by Army, Para-military Forces and State Police for counter insurgency operations. Regular review of the situation both at State and Central Government level is being made.

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